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Carla: I have been working with staff to address your questions. Would you have time at 2:30pm today for us to call you on this. Folks are meeting at 2pm to discuss your questions and we thought it might be helpful to call you while everyone is together. If this will not work, please let me know I we can pick a date that works for you. Thanks, Jim

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Jim—

I received the most recent Halaco update dated January 2009. In reviewing current and past information the Congresswoman finds that two key pieces are missing from the overall assessment.

1. Application of existing Environmental Justice tools to the Halaco Superfund Site. Residents living and working near the Halaco site are predominately low income, people of color and immigrant populations. Local statistics and census records support this finding. Using EPA Environmental Justice Indicators will impact the overall assessment and clean up of Halaco.
2. Timelines continue to remain vague. The lack of clear deadlines and overall project management continues to be a source of great frustration for the residents in Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

What will it take to formally implement EJ indicators?

Greg mentioned that the Regional Director of Superfund sites will be coming to visit the Greka Site and may visit Halaco as well. Can this visit be confirmed?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter of mutual concern.

Best,

Carla

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